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with a triumphant air:
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Jacks down.
same I will," said Mr.
o showed down an ace
nded. Mr. Saltpeter took
tein's $300 and rolled it
hla original $300, and,
bber bands around the
ed it up in the inside of
would like a little plain
at the Bimbelmeler place
attend there at 8 o'clock
rtake of my hospitality,"
ster. "I got $60), and I
odest amount in a feast
Yelt, cheerful toward all
seated himself at a round
neier's restaurant just be-
ening, and his greeting to
deckel and Blaustein was
good dinner.
Mr. Birnbaumstein, who
m mè, and Fluegelmann
while," Moshe said, "but
d and eat and not wait
ter, when Mr. Birnbaum-
ompanied by Mr. Fluegel-
bradiant-looking woman,
the heart of Mr. Salt-
walked directly to the
the Chochems.
going to happen," said
the worst that ever was.'"
is a gambler named, Mor-
ked the lady, in a boom-
th menacing manner.
tpeter," said Morris.
to tell you is, you been
tle boy here." said the

Mr. Birnbaumstein. "You
were too much for him.
to get a beating right
tiny hands, you'll turn
y, and be glad I don't
ted for taking a child's
said Mr. Saltpeter.
roared the large woman.
money before I start on
ith fury and fear in his
in his inside waistcoat
out the precious roll of
divide it. He laid it on
ok a drink of,coffee to
Then-
the booming voice
Took the roll of bills.
the door, and Mr. Balt-
tried to cry out to her.
tlons," she said. "There
e than you robbed the
coming to you. Should
have to reimburse me
have suffered when I
boy had played cards."
Fluegelmann and Mr.
e booming voiced, lady
Dere Is a Real Snake Story
against carrying away infec
Well paid and can afford the
child's dickness does not spred
Typhoid fever is known to
mainly through water, milk,
"SILENT" BOA CONSTRICTOR WAS ONLY FIFTY-FIVE FEET LONG vegetables. Consider how the
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AND FIVE FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE.
[Chicago Inter Ocean.]
T
F THE spring yield of make snake was colled, forming an enormous
stories keep■ pace
with the pile of round, scaly monstrosity, large
firat one of the season of 1912 enough to crush us all to death at once.
It will be a bumper crop. We, had stopped at a looked at each
distance of about
be sure, this first snake story
of the spring comes from the far-away
Amazon, which has special advantages
as a snake-story country, in that most
of us haven't been there and are not pre-
pared offhand to express an opinion.
Anyway, It's quite a story for any old
place.

The man who tells the snake story is Algot Lange. He is a young Dane, and he is now in New York after the most thrilling experiences in the jungle of the Amazon, which, as everybody mows, abounds in reptiles, fever and cannibals. He has told all about it in a book soon to be, published, with the title "In the Amazon Jungle."

Mr. Lange is a wonderful young man. He not only avolded being eaten by cannibals, but also got on good terms with them, and was invited to their feasts on the flesh of their enemies killed in battle. His stomach. however, was only ordinary and would not allow him to accept the invitations of his hosts. But to the snake story:

During his traveling about in the jungle Mr. Lange often came upon snakes of considerable size. He had no diffculty, however, in killing them, as they were sluggish in their movements and appeared to be inoffensive. In time he came to have rather a poor opinion of the Amazon snake.

The savages, however, told him not to jump at conclusions-or words to that effect. They said there was a kind of snake that would make him alng a different song. It was the sucurujus, a kind of boa constrictor. It was a big snake. And it had the power of hypnotizing people before it colled about them n and squeezed them to death. They called this boa constrictor "the silent monster of the river." And it was evident that they

And then, one bright, moonlight night, Mr. Lange and his party of natives came face to face with a sucurujus. Says Mr. Lange:

15 feet from him

other. I felt as if I were spellbound, unable to move a step further or oven to think or act on my own initiative."

Think of a snake so big that he just naturally colled up into a cone-shaped mass seven feet high! No wonder Mr. Lange stood spellbound and didn't know what to do or how to do it! He goes on:

washed. in ice-cream parlors.

is soon dirty and unfit for cle

poses, and yet thousands of p
ice cream, or soda water
glasses.
Very often the Board of He
tions are not carried out in
an infectious or pontagious d
Joctor does hot report the die
others may be warned. The
have forbidden him to report
Very few persons would co
rest of a person for spitting i
or in public conveyances, and
tering the germ of tuberculo
other serious malady. The p
good natured, too easy goin
careless about the spread of d
"The snake still mado no move, but in Much could be accomplishe
tional system of prophylaxis.
the clear moonlight I could see its body doubt that malaria has been
expand and contract in breathing, its conquered by preventive m
yellow eyes seeming to radlate a phos- must be understood by the
phorescent light. I felt no fear or any every animal can be a source o
inclination to retreat, yet I was how fac- the community. A dog or ac
ing a beast that few men had ever suc- where there are children can d
ceeded in seeing. Thus we stood looking disease than a ohlid suffering
at each other, scarcely moving an eye- theria. Yet nothing is thought
11d, while the great silent monster looked cat or dog and disease.
at us.".
That, of course, couldn't last forever.
Something was bound to happen. And
this is what did happen, as Mr. Lange
tells it:
"I slid my right hand down to the hol-
ter of my automatic pistol, the nine milli-
meter Luger, and slowly removed the
safety lock, at the same time staring into
the faces of the men. In this manner I
was less under the spell of the mesmer-
ism of the snake and could to some ex-
tent think and act. I wheeled around
while I still held control of my faculties,
and, perceiving a slight movement of the
snake's colls, I fired point-blank at tho
head, letting go the entire chamber of
soff-nose bullets. Inatantly the other
men woke up from their trance and in
turn fired, emptying their Winchesters
Into the huge head, which by this time.
was raised to. a great height above us,
loudly hissing in agony."
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It is hardly necessary to say that oven

sucurujus' is bound to receivo 2
stream of big soft-nose bullets in the
head-to say nothing of the fustillade
from the rifles-with more or less disas
trous results. In this case they were en-
tirely disastrous or else this particular
snake story would never have been told.
In fact, the sucurujus was killed out-
right.
animal of the jungle..
dreaded as big snake more than any It only remains to tell the length of the
snake and how big he was around. And
we want it strictly understood that we
don't know Mr. Algot, Lange personally,
and have no means of establishing his
"On a soft, muddy sandbar, half hidden 'reputation for truth and veracity. With
by dead branches, I beheld a somewhat this distinct understanding wo are will-
at as one stunned for cone-shaped mass about seven feet in ing to repeat what Mr. Lange says was
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width.'
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the public is the greatest fac
spread of disease. The result o
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or reproduce imperfect human t
guilty of sinning against thems
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COAL MINE SUPERSTI
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miners which are respected E
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For example, it is an old-
custom in the mines in the Nort
land and South Wales to clos
mine for one day when a man
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Ing day after a fatal accident
of the funeral, but more usually

day after the accident
When a new hand is taked on
he must always go down with
shift. and never with the fir
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Yorkshire pine went down with
shift. When the manager sed
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new hands, and did not let th
work at all that day. The next

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I was then living at a large rubber estate.
, on the upper Iteconby River, in north-
Pract, abdat twenty-eight bandred miles from
outh of the givet Adios tree. The forest
lly ringle, Intempered with pathways
he sea of the rabbve, workers, who would tre
y most taptra and Jaguars only fow yards
Oh, and therefore more
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yoga av their buts by
adgers, some distance away on the Iteccahy
fbout being well prepared for butual meet
s the imala of the surroundi forests.
Ferrara, rubber, worker, bd left head-
after having given his wealdy report on
ted rubber, and was now baddling bla
sis good rate down the stream, expecting to
hat botete midnight, Reaching a receta la
Max, fored by the confluence of a small creek
"Larape do Inferno," or the "Creek of Hell,"
ught that be kad heard the polse of come
probably a des or a tapir., drinking the
ata, and be attently took hla canoe to tho bank,
be Yantoned it to a branch, at the same time.
his rifle in readinga. However, as bo did
Enything, he returned to the canoe and con-
on a way down the stream.
Varily more than ten yards away from this spot
striped and latened. He could bear nothing but
tant howling of a monkey-this hg was used to

aightly trips-no! It was something else. Ee.
ot call it a sound; it was something that called
to the spot on the bank that he had left but a few
a before. He fastened his canoe again to the
branch and crept up to the same place, feeling
asy and uncomfortable, but he saw nothing
cold alarm him, nothing that he could draw the
of is rifle on. Yet there was something. For
second time did he leave this spot without being
to account for the mysterious force that dragged
to this gloomy, moonlit place on the dark, treacher
Mysteriously Drawn Blick
etting out in the stream again', he decided to
of the uncanny, unexplainable feeling that had
bak be felt the same desire to return to the place
ed him back, but scarcely at a stone's throw from
denre that he had never before experienced-so
returned and looked and meditated over the Thing
at be did not understand.
He had not drunk cachasa that day and was con-
ally quite sober; he had not had fever for two
vela and was in the best of health/ physically as
na mentally; he had never indulged so much in
salpations of civilization that his nerves had
a Tected; bo had-llved all his life in these sur
andings and know not fear from man or beast. And
this splendid type of manhood, free and unbound
o down completely and hid bis face in his hands,
to thoughts and unprejudiced by superstitions,
hing like a child afrald of ghosts in a dark room.
nowing the cause and now as the mysterious force
e and been called to this spot three times without
ow be was unable to move and helpless as a child.
had attracted him as the magnet draws a plece of iron
Luckily three rubber workers from headquarters
passing on their way to their hut a little above
Creek of Hell" when they beard sobbing from
bank and called out loud. The hypnotized serio-
Pero managed to answer that he had been forced to
the same spot three times and was unable to get
y had that he was deadly frightened of some-
In This Manner I Was Less Under the Control of the Mesmerism of the Snake.
that directly under the root where the man was
sitting was the head of a monstrous boa constrictor,
its eyes dixed on the man. It was only a few feet
away from bim, but he had never been able to see it.
The men took good alm and fired, crushing the
head of the snake, and this broke the spell of the
man, but he was completely played out and had to
lle down in the bottom of the canoe shivering like a
person with the ague.
The men took pains in measuring the length of this

snake before leaving. It measured 70 palmas, or 52 feet 8 inches. In circumference it measured 11 palmas, corresponding to a diameter of 28 inches. Its month they said was 2 palmas, or 16 inches, but how this was to be understood I do not know.

This happened while I lived at the headquarters and I had a long talk with Perreira and could not shake the statement of this man or that of the three other men, but yet I remained a sceptic as to the alleged charming or mesmerle powers of the snake, at least as far as concerns man.

We were awaiting the monthly arrival of the launch from the town of Remate de Males, three hundred miles down the river, and had spent the day weighing the rubber at the camp of one of the employes half a day's journey from headquarters, and had now loaded the rubber pellets Into our large canoe to take this ur to headquarters, where the shipment would take place.

We had spent the evening drinking our black coffee and eating some large, sweet pineapples, whereafter we took a nap lasting until midnight, when we all got up to start in on our nightly trip. It had been con aldered-best to travel at night, when it was nice and cool and none of the pestering insects would torturo us, and we were now all paddling the heavy canoe at a merry rate, smoking our pipes and singing in the still, dark night.

Soon we rounded a point where the mighty trees. covered with orchids and other parasite plants, sent their branches down to the very water that in
We sped along nothing disturbed the immensity of the night.

I was in the act of lighting another pipeful when one of the men cried out

"What is this?"

We all stopped paddling and looked ahead at a dark object on the moonlit sandbar not far from us. The only response was "Bucuruju."

Fow people can comprehend the feeling that creeps ap into one's beart when that word is pronounced in these circumstances, bere in the far off forests In the middle of the night. The word meant boa conatrietor, but meant a lot more at this moment. An Indescribable feeling of swe selzed me. I knew now that I was to face the master of the swamps, the great allent monster of the river of which so much has been said and which so few have ever met in its home.

The canoe ran ashore and we advanced in single Alle. I had now a chance to inspect the object. On the soft muddy sandbar, half hidden by dead branches,

was a cone shaped tower of about seven feet in height. From the base I saw the neck and bead of a snake flat on the ground with its beady eyes staring at us as we slowly advanced and stopped. The snake was colled up, forming this enormous mass of round, scaly monstrosity large enough to crush us all to death at once. We stopped at a distance of about Bfteen feet and looked at each other aud, strange to say, I felt as if I think or act on my own initiative.

was spellbound, unable to more any further or even to I could see its body expand and contract in breathing; ito yellow eyes seemed to radlate a phosphorescent light. I felt

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fear, nor inclination to re

treat. I was here facing a sight that few men bave succeeded in seeing. Should I now retreat as a coward and afterward let these Indians ridicule the force of my proud statements of hot acknowledging the force of the "sucuruju's eyes Thus we were standing had his section of the snake to work on, using a wooden club and his machete. The men had the anake on its belly and split it open, following the spinal column throughout Its length. It was out of the question to skin it from the belly, as the ventrale were far too strong for the knifeblade. About twe o'clock in the afternoon we had the snake skinned and the carcass thrown in the river, where It was instantly devoured by the plraulas and alligatora. Could not withhold my elation.

While standing in front of this immense skin I "Gentlement," I said, "here I am standing on the the 20th day of June, 1011, and have in front of me a anake the size of which is absolutely staggering. When I return to my people in the United States and try to tell these my friends that I have seen and perhaps killed a boa constrictor of nearly twenty yarde length, why, then they will laugh at me and call me a man with a bad tongue."

Whereupon my friend the chief rose in his full belght and exclaimed in an insulted tone:-"Mater, you say that your people in the North will, not b lleve that we have snakes even larger than this one. That is an insult to us Brazilians. You tell us that in your town New York there are barracoca (hints er houses) that have thirty-vo or forty stories on top tales?"

of each other. How do you expect us to bellevo such I was here in a sad plight, between two reallHea which existed but were or would be disbelieved in localities so far away from each other.

From photograph taken by Algot Lange. The Great Snake.
my automatic Luger pistol and slowly I removed the
We brought the skin to headquarters, where I pre
The three rubber workers approached in their depths was hiding the dreaded water snakes-the only
looking at each other, scarcely moving au eyelid, while safety lock, at the same time staring the men in
their pared It with arsenical soap and boxed it for later ship-
rides cocked and fully prepared to meet a
as they thought at first, but only a few yards
a their imprisoned coarade they stopped and saw
sound we heard was the weird calling of the night
owl, "the mother of the moon," as the Indians call it
Except this and the lapping sound of the water as
the snake looked at us all as if saying, "I've got you faces. In this inanner I was less under the control of
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BY ALGOT LANGE
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kas I was then living at a largo rubber estate
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Betall, about, twenty-eight hundred miles from
mouth of the great Amazon River. The forests
ve practically virgin, Interspersed with pathways
the use of the rubber workers, who would fro-
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with the animals of the surrounding foresta.
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after having given his weekly report on
extracted rubber, and was now paddling his
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After half an hour the struggles of the stake somed
balde, but we were yet hesitating to appr
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til the next day, as I was very anxious to skin th
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We went up in the bushes and lit adre, spending
our hammocks to some tree trunks, and slept coundly
not more than ten yards away from the dying make
We all got up before sunrise at six o'clock, had est-
coffee in haste and ran down to see the snake. It
was dead, Its bead practically abot to plece We
eat to work stretching the huge body out on the and
bar and by eight o'clock we had the entire anako fat
ready to measure and skin.
It was a most remarkable sight. Here was a be
stretched out on the ground and around it were al
Indlans and one New York man, bere la the woods as
far away from civilisation as it is possible to get.
A Boa Fifty-Eight Feet Longe
I proceeded to take my measurements and used the
span between my thumb and my little finger as a
knowing that this was exactly eight lachen. Begl
ning at the mouth of the snake 1 continued to the end
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four lochra. The cartridge belt that I carried around
my waist would not encircle the body, but It required

one span of my hand to complete the belt around the cadaver. When stretched out this measured five feet eight and a balf Incbea
These measurements are the results of very cl work. I took this measure from the tall to the over again, so as to eliminate any errors, whereupon 1 naked the men who were with me to take the me urements in their manner, only confirming the above mentioned figures.
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dld by no means dispute the existence of gigantle
lles, even in the very neighborhood where he then
red; besides, he had no particular interest in looking
animals, which is easily understood.
J
t took mo seven months search in the middle of the
ggles to reach this goal of my hopes and antlclpa-
, which were so fully realized this for months
rward I retained the effects of the adful event.
eted in the sllence of the humid, reéladen night.
It ban often been asserted that a anake will charm
victim at the moment of encounter. It sounded
me like a nursery tale, but when I camo to live
ong these sons of the forest, learned their manner
thinking and living. I respected their words ana
rer bad an occasion to mistrust their statements,
Mich seemed incredible at arst, but later expert
aces would always corroborate their truth.
I will therefore relate an experience which will lead
to a fuller comprehension of iny personal encounter
ith one of these much disputed andredded glant
takes. I was then living at a largo rubber estato

lled Floresta, on tho upper Iteconby River, in north-
wat Brazil, about twenty-eight hundred miles from
6 mouth of the great Amazon River. The forests
to practically virgin, interspersed with pathways
the use of the rubber workers, who would fro
ally meet tapira and Jaguare only a fow yards
use their huts, and therefore never ventured out
with t their 44 Winchestera; neither would they on
Batay bights leave their buts by canoo to go to
headquarters, come distance away on the Iteconby
er, without being well prepared for oventual meot-
fan with the animals of the surrounding foresta.
Joal Perrelra,, a rubber worker, had left bead.
ters after having given his weekly report on
extracted rubber, and was now paddling bla
cance at a good rate down the stream, expecting to
ach his hut before midnight. Reaching a recepa In
the banks, formed by the confluence of a small creek
called "Igarapo do Inferno," or the "Creek of Hell,"
la thought that he had heard the holso of come
ame, probably a deer or a tapir, drinking the
water, and he silently took his canoo to the bank,"
where be Yastened it to a branch, at the same time
olding his rifle in readiness. However, no ho did
Bot see anything, he returned to the canoo and con-
Used on his way down the stream.
Hardly more than ten yards away from this spot
stopped and listened. Ho could hear nothing but
the distant howling of a monkey-this he was used to
on his nightly tripa-no! it was something else. Ho
could not call it a sound; it was something that called
Elm to the spot on the bank that he had left but a few
minutes before. He fastened his canoe again to tho
ama branch and crept up to the same place, feeling
Chat could alarm him, nothing that he could draw the
very uneasy and uncomfortable, but he saw nothing
ad of his rifle on.
Becond
did he leave this anot without balne
Yet there was something. For
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EXPERIENCES of a Traveller in the Brazilia
by the Huge, Coiled Monster Until a Fusill
In This Manner I Was Less Under the Control of the
that directly under the root where the man was
altting was the head of a monstrous boa constrictor,
Ita oyes fixed on the man. It was only a few feat
away from him, but he bad never been able to see it.
The men took good alm and dred, crushing the
head of the anake, and this broke the spell of the

but be
blared out and
wo sped along nothing disturbed the im
the night.
I was in the net of lighting another pl
one of the men cried out
"What is thlo
Wo all stopped paddling and looked al

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WASHINGTON POST: SUNDAY, MARCH 17,
Dere Is a Real Snake Story
"SILENT" BOA CONSTRICTOR WAS ONLY FIFTY-FIVE FEET LONG
AND FIVE FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE..
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[Chicago Inter Ocean.]
F THE spring yield of make snake was colled, forming an enormous
stories keeps pace with the pile of round, scaly monstrosity, large
first one of the season of 1912 • enough to crush us all to death at once.
It will be a bumper crop. To We, had stopped at a distance of about
be sure, this first snake story
of the spring comes from the far-away
Amazon, which has special advantages
as a snake-story country, in that most
of us haven't been there.and are not pre-
pared offhand to express an opinion.
Anyway, It's quite a story for any old
place.
The man who tells the snake story is
Algot Lange. He is a young Dane, and
he is now in New York after the most
thrilling experiences in the jungle of the
Amazon, which, as everybody knows,
abounds in reptiles, fever and cannibals.
He has told all about it in a book soon
to be, published, with the title. "In the
Amazon Jungle."
Mr. Lange is a wonderful young man.
He not only avolded being eaten by can-
nibals, but also got on good terms with
them, and was invited to their feasts on
the flesh of their enemies killed in bat-

tle. His stomach, however, Wab only ordinary and would not allow him to accept the invitations of his hosts. But to ,the snake story:

During his traveling about in the Jungle Mr. Lange often came upon snakes of considerable size. He had no diffl-culty, however, in killing them, as they were sluggish in their movements and appeared to be inoffensive. In time ho came to have rather a poor opinion of the Amazon snake.

The savages, however, told him not to jump at conclusions-or words to that effeot. They sald there was a kind of snake that would make him sing a different song. It was the sucurujus, a kind of boa constrictor. It was a big snake. And it had the power of hypnotizing people before it colled about them and squeezed them to death. They called this river."

boa constrictor "the silent monster of the

And it was evident that they dreaded us big snake more than any animal of the jungle..

And then, one bright, moonlight night, Mr. Lange and his party of natives came Lange:

face to face with a sucurujua. Says Mr. 15 feet from him and looked at each other: I felt as if I were spellbound, unable to move a step further or oven to think or act on my own initiative.'

Think of a snake so big that he just naturally colled up into a cone-shaped mass seven feet high! No wonder Mr. Lange stood spellbound and didn't know what to do or how to do it! He goes on:

"The snake still made no move, but in the clear moonlight I could see its body expand and contract in breathing, its yellow eyes seeming to radlate a phosphorescent light. I felt no fear or any inclination to retreat, yet I was how facing a beast that few men had ever suc--ceeded in seeing. Thus we stood looking at each other, scarcely moving an eyelid, while the great silent monster looked at us."

That, of course, couldn't last forever. Something was bound to happen. And

this is what did happen, as Mr. Lange tells It:

"I slid my right hand down to the holter of my automatic pistol, the nine millimeter Luger, and slowly removed the safety lock, at the same time staring into the faces of the men. In this manner. I was lebs under the spell of the mesmerism of the snake and could to some extent think and act. I wheeled around while I still held control of my faculties, and, perceiving a slight movement of the snake's coils, I fired point-blank at the head, letting go the entire chamber of soff-nose bullets. Instantly the other men woke up from their trance and in turn fired, emptying their Winchesters into the huge head, which by this time was raised to a great height above us, loudly hissing in agony."

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It is hardly necessary to say that oven Bucurujus is bound to receivo stream of big soft-nose- bullets in the head-to say nothing of the fustillade from the rifles-with more or less disastrous results. In this case they were entirely disastrous-or else this particular snake story would never have been told. In fact, the bucurujus was killed outright.

It only remains to tell the length of the snake and how big he was around. And we want it strictly understood that wo don't know Mr. Algot Lange personally. and have no means of establishing his.

"On a soft, muddy sandbar, half hidden reputation for truth and veracity. With by dead branches,, I beheld a somewhat this distinct understanding we are willcone-shaped mass about seven feet in ing to repeat what Mr. Lange says was height. From the base of this came the the size of that sucurujus. He says: neck and head of the snake, flat on the "The skin measured when dried 54 feet ground, with beady eyes staring at us.8 inches in length and 5 feet 1 inch in as we slowly advanced and stopped. The width.